

**LOUISVILLE METRO CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY**

Thursday, February 17, 2005

Members Present: Judge Kathleen Voor Montano, Chair; Chief Judge Donald Armstrong, Jr.; Tom Campbell; Patricia Combs; Walker Cunningham; Sheriall Cunningham; Rev. Charles Duncan; Dan Goyette; Frank Dufon (Designee for Steven Gurley); Tom Dyke (Designee for David Huber); Julie Lewis; Richard Lewis; Marjean Martin; Chief Judge James Shake; Laura Volk (Designee for Karl Stankovic); Tim Vize; Lt. Col. Terri Winstead-Wilfong (Designee for Chief White); Clarence Williams; and Louis Willis.

Excused Members: Roger Henderson; Joni Jenkins; and Steve Jenkins.

Guests Present: Ed Crockett (AOC – Pretrial Services); Tara Klute (AOC – Pretrial Services); Charlotte McPherson (AOC – Pretrial Services); Betsy Helm (Public Protection Technology); Glenda Bradshaw (Jefferson County Attorney); Chris Lewis (Office of Representative Northup); Peggy Kidwell (Criminologist); Ike Thacker (L.I.F.E.); and Eustase Durrett (Coalition for People's Agenda).

Staff Present: David Nicholson; Bruce McMichael; Stephanie Stidham; Faith Hartlage; and Barbara West.

I. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Judge Montano, Chair, called the meeting to order, welcomed all in attendance, and opened with introductions. Criminal Justice Commission lapel pins were presented to new members, Tom Campbell, Corrections and Julie Lewis, Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 18, 2004 MEETING

The meeting summary of the November 18, 2004 meeting was unanimously approved as submitted.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Judge Montano referenced the agenda packet which includes a listing of the committees staffed by the Commission Office and committees on which staff have memberships; an updated Board membership list; and the Board meeting schedule for 2005. Judge Montano encouraged members to check the membership list for accuracy. Any changes should be directed to the Commission staff. The Judge also mentioned the possibility of conducting another team building exercise for members in late summer or early fall. Anyone interested should advise Commission staff. Reference was also made to an article from the February edition of *Governing* magazine, entitled "Shop Talk." The article outlines efforts to train practicing cosmetologists to learn the warning signs of domestic abuse. Their role is to provide information to clients if they want assistance. David Nicholson advised that the concept will be discussed with the Interagency Subcommittee of the Domestic Violence Prevention and Coordinating Council that is working on a public awareness campaign.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Ed Crockett, General Manager, Pretrial Services, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)** - presented information on the Jefferson County Conditional Release Monitoring Program. The program is based on the presumption of release for a majority of pre-trial

status detainees. The program will increase the range of options available for the courts. On January 31, 2005, a classification was done on jail inmates. Of the 1300 in custody in pretrial status, 50% would be eligible for the conditional release program. Services available under this program include random drug testing; electronic monitoring and home incarceration (AOC is working with Louisville Metro to provide home incarceration bracelets); reporting and court notification; curfew monitoring; and compliance verification for employment, treatment, child support and no contact by victim notification. All defendants would be required to meet the program eligibility criteria. One recommendation is to amend the hours of the current criminal complaint intake program which operates on a 24/7 basis to Monday-Friday, 7 am to 7 pm. A reallocation of staffing would be made to work with clients on the conditional release program. This recommendation would need the vote/approval of the Planning and Coordinating Council. There was discussion on the merit of amending the current hours of the center.

Glenda Bradshaw, County Attorney's Office, raised the issue of the program meeting the national standards/practices of the National Association of Pretrial Services at the District Court level. There was discussion of the operational procedures at the local level, with Mr. Crockett advising that AOC does not have the authority to docket items for court, rather the local courts must decide on its own operational procedures.

When asked about the costs for incarceration vs. home incarceration, Mr. Crockett stated that the costs were \$55-\$57/day vs. \$15/day respectively. Mr. Crockett advised that the program would be ready for implementation in June or July.

V. STAFF UPDATES

- A. **Stephanie Stidham** reported on Homeland Security-funded training that took place in December. It was an awareness class for first responders, in a "train the trainer" format. Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) training officers will rollout the training to all LMPD officers beginning in March. It will be the first such training in the State, and one of the first in the nation.

There will be an Incident Unified Command Course offered next week for agencies including LMPD, Jeffersontown, Public Works, Suburban Fire, Louisville Fire & Rescue (LF&R), Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

Competitive applications have been submitted for two major Homeland Security Grants totaling \$6M for MetroSafe. Grant projects focused on enhancing the public safety radio infrastructure.

A Homeland Security orientation forum will be held in Los Angeles, CA next week. David Nicholson, Stephanie, Major Bill Weedman (LMPD) and Captain Tony Cipolla (LF&R) will attend representing Louisville Metro.

- B. **Bruce McMichael** explained the MetroSafe Initiative and reported on the recent visit to Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Ohio by MetroSafe partnering agency representatives. Both Cincinnati and Hamilton County have combined communications centers. Metro representatives had the opportunity to see the center in operation. This information will assist in developing Metro's infrastructure for MetroSafe.
- C. **Faith Hartlage** updated the Board on the Field Release Project, a Federally-funded initiative through the State Department of Juvenile Justice. Project staff is working to

draft protocol and training for systems personnel to assist in developing alternatives to confinement for juveniles.

The Targeted Community Action Plan (TCAP), working with the Newburg community, is developing a juvenile re-entry initiative. Project partners include the County Attorney, Public Defender, Youth Center, Juvenile Court Judges, and the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Clubs.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

David Nicholson reported on the following:

- Encouraged members to review the Criminal Justice Reference Materials in the agenda packets.
- Mentioned that February 14th was the last day for bills to be introduced in the session. There have been some 500 bills already submitted. He is not expecting much legislation to be passed. The session ends on March 7th.
- Announced that there has been a production problem with the Commission logo shirts that were ordered in October. There is no definitive delivery date at this time.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Sheriall Cunningham asked the membership for support of House Bill 32 which would increase the cigarette tax. A percentage (14%) of the revenue would go to close the gap in social service insurance areas for those with disabilities.

VIII. ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, March 17, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the Crown Room of the Judicial Center.